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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's Request for Reconsideration filed 10/15/02 has been entered and carefully considered. However, arguments regarding rejections under U.S.C 103 to claims (1-15) have not been found to be persuasive. Therefore, these claims are rejected under the same ground of rejection as set forth in the Office Action mailed (07/08/02)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frank et al [US. 6,384,840] in view of Rybczynski [US. 6,348,953].

As to claims 1 and 7, Frank et al. discloses creating a first window to receive video which at least partially overlaps a second window on a region of overlap of a display (figure 8, column 9, lines 47-62) and configuring the second window to draw after the first window (column 5, lines 53-67). The difference between Frank et al. and the claim are the setting the pixels of the first window to a chroma color and setting background pixels of the second window in the region of overlap to the chroma color. Rybczynski shows the setting the pixels of the first window to a chroma color and setting background pixels of the second window in the region of overlap to the chroma color (column 7, lines 50-67 and column 8, lines 25-38). It

would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Frank et al. and Rybczynski before them at the time the invention was made to modify the overlaying windows taught by Frank et al. to include the setting pixel of Rybczynski, with the motivation being to combine a foreground image and a background image to give a composite image with a natural optical appearance as taught by Rybczynski.

As to claims 2 and 8, Frank et al. also discloses configuring the first and second windows as children of a common parent window (figure 7, column 8, lines 45-53).

As to claims 3, 6, 9, 12 and 14, Frank et al. teaches configuring the second window to receive user interface events (column 7, lines 60-67).

As to claims 4, 10 and 15, Frank et al. also teaches setting the style of the second window to transparent (column 8, lines 33-43).

As to claims 5, 11 and 13, the claim is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claim 1 except for configuring the first and second windows to move correspondingly to one another and the drawing and the rendering step. While Frank et al. shows the configuring the first and second windows (column 6, lines 30-50), Rybczynski teaches draw first with a chroma color and then draw with other colors representing window elements (column 8, lines 25-40) and rendering video only area of the region of overlap which have the chroma color (video screen is type of window) (column 2, lines 35-60).

Response to Arguments

Applicant has argued that the reference does not disclose "a window to receive video". However, this is not true. Window contains video information and video image. Video screen is type of window. Applicant's attention is directed to the lines "the frame buffer represents the video memory for the display, wherein, each storage location comprising a plurality of bits in the frame buffer corresponds to a pixel on the display..." at column 5, lines 15-23. Frank shows multiple overlapping windows. That suggests "the window to receive video".

Applicant has also argued that in Rybczynski there is no "rendering video only to areas of the region of overlap which have the chroma color". However, the Examiner does not agree. Frank shows multiple overlapping windows and the window to receive video. In view of Frank, Rybczynski teaches "the setting the pixels of the window to a chroma color" at column 2, lines 32-40. The reference cites "providing both the foreground image and the background image in digital form, and of composing the composite image in each pixel either of the chromatic values of the corresponding pixel of the background image...".

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mylinh Tran whose telephone number is (703) 308-1304. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8.00AM to 6.30PM

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner 's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached on (703) 308-0640,

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

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